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Inactivation of the 3rd Combat Communications Group

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. – Air Force Space Command officials announced the inactivation of the 3rd Combat Communications Group at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, as part of the overall Air Force force structure changes released today.

“The inactivation of the 3CCG is part of a larger Air Force effort to shape the force,” said Col Joseph Scherrer, 689th Combat Communications Wing commander. “In accordance with the President’s National Security Strategy, the Air Force is reducing deployable communications capabilities to match the reduction in combat air forces.”

According to the Air Force Chief of Staff, the Air Force’s strategy is to apply resources to the people, programs, and systems that will best contribute to the new DoD strategic guidance.

“We made a deliberate decision to avoid a “hollow force” by prioritizing readiness over force structure,” Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz said. “A smaller, ready force is preferable to a larger force that is ill-prepared because it lacks adequate resources.”

The 3CCG inactivation will affect 600 military billets at Tinker AFB.

“Our primary responsibility right now is to take care of our Airmen and their families in the 3CCG as they begin to transition to other units,” Scherrer said.

Combat communicators from the 3CCG have served the nation in support of combat operations and humanitarian missions across the globe for more than 50 years.

“Combat communicators are an integral part of 24AF’s cyber capabilities,” he said. “We will continue our legacy of Combat Communications excellence through the 5th Combat Communications Group at Robins AFB, Georgia.”

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